RESOLUTION 15-R-39 honoring City Attorney Susan Emery McGannon upon her retirement on November 1, 2015.

WHEREAS, City Attorney Susan Emery McGannon has served the City of Murfreesboro as Assistant City Attorney from 1992 to 2001, and as City Attorney from 2001 to present; and,

WHEREAS, following her graduation from Kenyon College and Vanderbilt University School of Law, Susan McGannon became an accomplished and gifted attorney in her private legal practice in Nashville and achieved many distinguished honors including founding and leading the Lawyers' Association for Women and becoming a two-time President of the Tennessee Municipal Attorneys Association; and,

WHEREAS, she continued that tradition of leadership while in Murfreesboro by being awarded the President's Award from the Tennessee Bar Association, Kenyon College's Distinguished Service Award and the Tennessee Supreme Court's Service Award; serving on the Tennessee Supreme Court's Board of Professional Responsibility; serving on the Board of Directors of the International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA), earning IMLA's Joseph I. Mulligan Distinguished Public Service Award in 2008 and four times achieving designation as an IMLA Local Government Fellow (a distinction given to recognize municipal attorneys as proficient and competent in the practice of municipal law); serving as President of the Rutherford/Cannon County Bar Association; serving on the Tennessee Bar Association's Board of Governors and being one of the co-creators of its Leadership Law Program; and, becoming a Life Member of the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference; and,

WHEREAS, during her tenure in Murfreesboro, Susan has also given her time and resources to her community and peers by serving on the Board of Directors of the United Way of Rutherford County; serving on the Board of Directors of Kenyon College; serving on the National Council of Vanderbilt University School of Law; serving as co-President of the League of Women Voters of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County as well as an officer of the League of Women Voters of Tennessee; serving as Secretary of the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association; and, graduating from Leadership Rutherford; and

WHEREAS, Susan McGannon has authored numerous published articles and speeches; and,

WHEREAS, while these many professional and community activities were important to Susan McGannon, she always placed the interests of the City of Murfreesboro and its citizens, business, institutions and government first and foremost with her time, dedication and intellect; and

WHEREAS, Susan McGannon has served the City Council, the Boards and Commissions of the City, the City Manager's Office, and the employees of the City through periods of growth and times of challenge and difficulty, with the highest degree of professionalism, proficiency, ethics, integrity, leadership, and dedication; and,

WHEREAS, Susan McGannon has led the Legal Department excellently, ethically, efficiently, and enjoyably; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes City Attorney Susan McGannon's notable and significant contributions to the City of Murfreesboro and the legal profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Murfreesboro hereby honors and expresses its profound appreciation to Susan Emery McGannon. The people acknowledge her many contributions and selfless devotion to the City during her tenure with the Legal Department.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption, the public welfare and the welfare of the City requiring it.

Passed:

October 29, 2015

Shane McFarland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa B. Wright City Recorder APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Susan Emery M City Attorney